

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-13, and insert the following replacement paragraph:

--Researchers in the field of aging and dementia are focusing their attention on identifying and characterizing the earliest stages of cognitive impairment. By identifying these stages, it may be possible to prevent, delay, or reverse disease-associated brain damage. For example, recent research has identified a condition known as mild cognitive impairment (MCI) that is distinct from the cognitive impairment associated with normal aging and with Alzheimer's disease (AD). See Friedrich, JAMA 282, 621-622 (1999); and Peterson Petersen et al., Arch. Neurol., 58, 1985-1992 (2001).--